

The Purple Page



Lanier Middle School 2600 Woodhead St. Houston, TX 77098 (713) 942-1900 March 1, 2013

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar 6 Lanier's Got Talent and Tolerance Rehearsal 4-5p
Mar 9-17 Spring Break
Mar 19-22 TELPAS Testing
Mar 22 PTO Party with a Purpose 6:30p
Mar 26 Lanier Art Exposition
Mar 27 Lanier's Got Talent & Tolerance 5:30-7p
Mar 29 Spring Holiday

PTO NEWS

AUCTION PARTY NEWS

The first annual "Party with a Purpose" is Friday, **March 22nd** at the home of Brittney and Max Tribble, 3461 Piping Rock, 77027. Check in begins at 6:30. Come meet other parents and enjoy food, an open bar, and a silent auction while supporting the students and faculty of Lanier MS. The proceeds from this adult only fundraiser will be used to upgrade the much needed classroom technology at Lanier. **Auction highlights include vacation homes in Telluride and Breckenridge, Astros and Texan tickets, and a JJ Watt autographed football!** Tickets are \$50 per person and can be purchased at www.lanierpto.org or drop off a check in the auction box in Office B. The last day to purchase tickets is Tuesday, March 19th. **Tickets will not be sold at the door.**

LANIER PAVERS – FINAL MONTH TO ORDER

Attention Parents of Purple Pups! The deadline for purchasing pavers is fast approaching. You have until Friday, March 15th to place your order. Please consider purchasing a paver for your son or daughter. Go to www.purplepups.org and click on Parents & Students, then PTO and select Pavers. There are two options, a 4X8 paver for \$150 or an 8X8 paver for \$250. **You can include an inscription on your paver.** If you have any questions, please contact Irene Donnelly at idonnelly67@me.com.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHINESE NATIVE SPEAKER CLASS

Are you a Chinese native speaker? We are looking for you! We need your help to start our first Chinese class designed for the native speakers! The assessment will be held in March. Date to be announced later. Contact Mrs. Lin at SLIN@houstonisd.org if you are interested.

PURPLE PRAISE

LANIER GERMAN STUDENTS CELEBRATE

WOW! On Saturday, Lanier's German students competed at the Texas State German Contest against the best students in Texas. Here are some of the results:

3rd place in German Sight Reading: **Aileen Zhang**
4th place in Culture: **Michelle Tang**
2nd place in Skit Level 1: **Ryan Balloun, Jackson Wagner, Aileen Zhang, Maria Andino, Mitchell Krall, Ashley Mueller, Samuel Golden, Michelle Tang**
3rd Place Listening Comprehension: **Michelle Tang**
4th Place Listening Comprehension: **Aileen Zhang**
4th place in Reading Comprehension: **Aileen Zhang**
1st Place in Spelling: **Aileen Zhang**
4th Place in Spelling: **Michelle Tang**
3rd Place in Vocabulary: **Aileen Zhang**
4th Place in Vocabulary: **Samuel Golden**
2nd Place Skits Level 2: **Rea Golt, Stacey Yard, Maria Andino, Ashley Mueller, Aileen Zhang**
3rd Place Classical Ensemble: **Katherine Nyquist, Madelina Nguyen, Benjamin Schwierking, Aileen Zhang**
6th Place Duet Acting Level 1: **Ashley Mueller & Will Medina**
6th Place Duet Acting Level 2: **Rea Golt & Stacey Yard**
5th Place Duet Acting Level 3: **Emily Myers & George Hixson**
6th Place Duet Acting Level 4: **Lauren Bennett & Kiera Morris**
4th Place Needlework: **Michelle Tang & Aileen Zhang**

PURPLE PUPS

GIRLS' LACROSSE WINS BIG

The Girls Lacrosse team had an exciting win over St. Johns on Tuesday night. Twelve goals were made: **Maddie Spence 4, Erin Sheena 3, Julianna "Jewls" Stefan 2, Christina Broeckelmann 1, Sarah Njaa 1, and Nakeeya McCardell 1.** Our fighting defense kept St. Johns to only 4 goals. Way to go, girls! Next game is this Sunday at Friendswood!

NURSE'S NOTES

Dear Parents of 6th Grade Students,

This is to inform you that state mandated spinal screening (scoliosis) will be done on all 6th graders during the student's P.E. or Drill/Dance Team class. The teachers involved will be given a screening schedule in advance. The screening will start this month. Scoliosis is a problem of the spine as the result of growth. As the pre-puberty

growth spurt occurs, the spine may become curved. The curve can cause a tilt in the shoulders and/or the hips, which interferes with the space for the lungs and heart and can impede their function. Scoliosis appears gradually and is not obvious to an untrained person or parent until the deformity becomes severe. As you can see, scoliosis screening is important for the well-being of your child. The bare back examining of the child easily accomplishes scoliosis screening. If necessary, after the initial examine a second examine will be done and if indicated a referral will be made.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this screening please do not hesitate to contact me,
Joan Lawrence, R.N.,B.S.N.
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IB CORNER

IB WORD OF THE WEEK

Week 26: Empathy - Identification with and understanding of another's situation, feelings, and motives.

<http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/empathy>

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

All information contained in the Purple Page is correct as of 9pm, February 28, 2012, and has been printed with the approval of Linda Smith, Lanier Principal.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES FOR THE PURPLE PAGE

Please follow the guidelines below for any submission to the Purple Page:

- Submit a Word Document (Font: Arial, size 10) as an attachment to your email to purplepageeditor@gmail.com.
- **All articles are subject to approval by Ms. Smith.**
- All submissions are due by **5:00pm on TUESDAY**, but **EARLIER is BETTER!!** Later submissions must have principal approval.
- If your submission needs to be translated, it must be submitted by **Tuesday 9:00am**.